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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering the modernization and upgradation of certain existing laboratories instead of setting up 4 new National Institutes of Sciences; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the cost involved in the establishment of these institutes?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. While the UGC's proposal for setting up of the four National Institutes of Sciences has not been found feasible by the Government in view of the fact that the UGC is not mandated to set up such institutions under the existing provisions of the UGC Act, a group of experts has been invited to firm up the feasibility of setting up Centers of excellence in teaching and research i n the basic sciences at different locations.